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SUBJECT: Designation of FIPS-199 Impact Level for NASA OAIT LANs

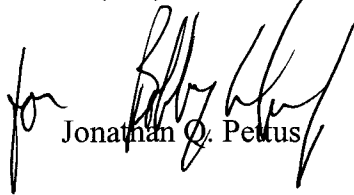
Per OMB-11 requirements, Information Technology investments that support common user systems, communications, and computing, are grouped into the Office Automation, IT Infrastructure, and Telecommunications (OAIT) designation. Of the nine portfolio elements under OAIT, "Local Area Networks (LAN)" is defined as:

"All Information Technology (IT) and investments required to provide networking services within a building, campus, data center or Center, including hardware, software, and services. Includes but is not limited to routers, concentrators, firewalls, switches, data circuits, and those local area network services available under the Outsourcing Desktop Initiative for NASA contract (ODIN)."

All NASA OAIT LAN systems are to be assigned a minimum Security Categorization of at least **Moderate**, under Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 199, *Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems*. This decision was made in consultation with the Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Technology Security, the Authorizing Official for OAIT systems, the Information Assurance Officer, and the ODIN Deputy Program Manager to ensure that NASA information transported, stored or processed on OAIT LANs is adequately protected.

The requirements in this memorandum are effective immediately for all new OAIT LAN systems and any systems that complete the certification and accreditation process after September 30, 2007. OAIT LAN systems certified and accredited prior to September 30, 2007, must be fully compliant, i.e. categorized at least Moderate and certified and accredited as such, by September 30, 2008.

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